



# STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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## Notice of Proposed Action

June 3, 2008

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes. The Administrator has received an application for renewal of zero-discharge permit # NEV20001 from the following applicant:

United States Air Force (USAF) 99<sup>th</sup> CES/CEV  
4349 Duffer Drive, Suite 1601  
Nellis AFB, NV 89191-7007

The Permittee (USAF) operates the Tonopah Test Range's Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF), which is located 32 miles southeast of Tonopah in Nye County, Nevada. The WWTF consists of two lined, aerated treatment ponds and three lined, evaporation ponds. The treated effluent is evaporated and there is zero discharge of effluent to the groundwater. The permitted design treatment capacity of the WWTF is 0.375 million gallons per day, on a 30-day average basis. The Division has made the tentative determination to issue (renew) the proposed zero-discharge permit for a period of five (5) years.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance, or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication, hand-delivered, e-mailed, faxed or postmarked no later than 5:00 P.M. PST on Friday, July 11, 2008, either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources  
Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Water Pollution Control  
901 S. Stewart St, Suite 4001  
Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249

The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received within the thirty (30) day period will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If

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written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time. The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by calling Mark A. Kaminski, P.E., Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9424, or via e-mail at: [mkaminsk@ndep.nv.gov](mailto:mkaminsk@ndep.nv.gov). The office fax number is (775) 687-4684. The fact sheet for this permit can be viewed at the following website: <http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm>